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# 1ST WINS 7 TOWNS IN DRIVE TO RUHR



**Plans Rhine Maneuvers:** Supreme Allied Commander Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower explains his plans as Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. (left), commander of the Third Army, and Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, head of the Sixth Army group, look on. The meeting, held at the Sixth Army group sector in France, took place just after Patton had opened his spectacular drive in the Saar Basin.

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## 3rd Takes I. G. Farben Plant; Kesselring Replaces Rundstedt

PARIS, March 22 (UP).—Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' American First Army east of the Rhine advanced two and one half miles and swarmed up to the Sieg River along a 10-mile stretch from the Rhine to Hennef, capturing seven towns in a drive toward the Ruhr triangle 10 miles to the north.

Hodges' troops expanded their front to 31 miles from north to south, as Adolf Hitler replaced Field Marshal Karl Ged von Rundstedt as German commander on the western front with Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, former German commander in Italy.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army, officially counting 11,300 more German prisoners, cleared the last Nazi defenders out of Mainz and captured the I. G. Farben chemical works in Ludwigshafen as his troops mopped up the Saar.

Together with Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army, Patton hammered the Germans into a triangle with a 30-mile base along the Rhine.

### Clear Neustadt

One column of the 10th Armored Division cleared Neustadt while others drove to within 19 miles of the Rhine at Karlsruhe by capturing Annweiler, 18 miles southwest of Speier. A third 10th Armored column driving for Speier reached points five miles northwest and seven southwest of the town.

The chemical center of Ludwigshafen was being taken slowly by infantry of the 94th Division, which was fighting from point to point inside the town against a fanatical group of some 500 Germans holding off the Americans with anti-tank guns.

Hodges' powerful drive for the Ruhr from the south was charging along and on both sides of the Cologne-Frankfurt superhighway. His forces now hold 14 miles of the highway.

Seventy-eighth Division troops, in advances ranging from two to almost four miles, extended their grip on Germany's inner fortress to a point nine miles east of the Rhine by capturing Hennef on the Sieg River.

The northward sweep rolled up to the Sieg River from Hennef west to its confluence with the Rhine, capturing Kummel, Wippenhohn, Buisdorf and Stossdorf. Other troops fighting eastward reached a point almost four miles west of the superhighway, taking Westerhausen, Wellesburg and Broichhausen.

## Blast Nazi Rhine Defenses

LONDON, March 22 (UP).—Thousands of Allied warplanes devastated German ground defenses east of the Rhine today, blasting command posts, troop and supply centers, airfields and railroads in the second day of tactical air blows preparatory to a mass crossing of the enemy's great water barrier.

In two days, heavy bombers from British bases have dropped an estimated 20,000 tons of explosives on the Reich.

The most powerful blows were concentrated on the Ruhr valley and the sector

to the north facing Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's 21st Army Group, which is posed behind a smoke screen for an all-out push across the Rhine.

Lieut. Gen. James H. Doolittle's Eighth Air Force sent more than 1,300 Fortresses and Liberators against nine German army posts in the Ruhr valley and five airfields, including jet-plane bases, in northwestern and southern Germany. The more than 700 escorting Mustangs ranged far to the east, past Berlin, engaging the Luftwaffe and hitting ground objectives in the center of the Reich.



# Eyewitness Describes Romania Today

By JOHN GIBBONS  
Wireless to the Daily Worker

BUCHAREST, Romania, March 22.—Romania, like other liberated countries of Europe, is experiencing a mighty political resurgence. The National Democratic Front, heart and soul of the popular movement, possesses vitality, clear leadership, good organization and a sound program. Its posters and slogans are to be seen everywhere—on billboards, in factories, street cars and buses.

The government is headed by elderly Petru Groza, leader of the picturesquely-named "Ploughmen's Front." Romania is losing no time in tackling the job of agrarian reform, accelerating the war effort, preparing the trial of several hundred war criminals—including ex-Premier Ion Antonescu—purging the administrative apparatus of anti-democratic elements and laying solid foundations for democracy in Romania.

Leaders of the old, historic parties—National Peasant and National Liberal—are being squeezed

out of the picture. In the months that followed liberation they dilled, dallied and failed to realize national aspirations or to guarantee security for the Red Army rear.

Both parties are split and losing leaders and members to the National Democratic Front. The failure of the old parties' leadership flows directly from their placing class interests above national interest. Many of them, big landowners, were and are bitterly opposed to breaking up the "festivities" and sharing land with the peasant farmers. Dreading genuine democracy, they resisted purging quislings and endeavored to portray the "Russians" as a sinister people having "annexationist" plans in relation to Romania.

Like the emigre Polish government in London, the leadership of the historic parties had futile visions of estrangement in the Allied ranks over Romania. By presenting a narrow, one-sided and therefore false picture of political life in the country and by gross exaggeration, they counted on secur-

ing British and American sympathy.

Their constitutional disability to distinguish between reality and wishful thinking was clearly expressed in relation to the great National Democratic Front demonstration in Bucharest a week ago. SEE WITH ONE EYE

Five American correspondents and myself estimated the huge crowd before the palace at not less than 300,000. Later, in conversation with those to whom the demonstration was anathema, they estimated the crowd at one-fifth of that figure. Then, when pinned down, they resorted to the bewhiskered argument that the people were "dragooned" by the National Democratic Front into assembling on the square.

So embittered are these elements that they have lost all sense of perspective. No word of Romanian excesses in Odessa and the Ukraine passed their lips. The Red Army's historic contribution, and the sufferings and sacrifice of the Russian people were never mentioned. Is there any recognition on their

part that much remains to be done before the banners of Allied victory are raised over Berlin? The firing on the Bucharest demonstration on Feb. 24 and the simultaneous attacks on National Democratic forces at different points throughout the country were the opening round in the struggle against the people.

Ex-Premier Gen. Nicolai Radescu initiated the struggle by declaring the National Democratic Front leaders as people who "were without God or country" and "myself and my army will fulfill our duty to the end." Romania was saved from the horrors of fratricidal war because of the clearheaded leadership and decisive action of the National Democratic Front which rallied the people around its banners.

Premier Groza's government, which commands support of the Army, industrial workers, peasants, the powerful orthodox church and professionals, would welcome the adhesion of old party leaders. Their sincere acceptance of the National Democratic Front pro-

gram would, as Premier Groza told me, assure representation in the government. Romania and the United Nations as a whole would gain by such an action.

My impression is that most of the newspapermen permanently in Bucharest, numbering two British and a score or so others who cover agencies and various papers, instead of trying to overcome difficulties, simply withhold information by becoming unofficial censors. For example, only one correspondent accepted an invitation to the Transylvanian celebrations at Cluj. Surely the colorful ceremony of the return of Transylvania to Romania warranted reporting. The same held true of the Bucharest celebrations the following day. Apart from anything else a demonstration of 300,000 people is of definite news value. Similarly the Romanian Patriarch's declaration of support of the Groza government was vitally important! Yet few of the local permanent newspapermen bothered to file dispatches on these developments.

## Hearing Told Congress Must 'Prod' War Crimes Commission

By ART SHIELDS

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Speedy punishment of war criminals, including the killers of Jews in Germany and elsewhere, the Nazi magnates who sold death gas and the Japanese terrorists in Manila became an active issue on Capitol Hill as the House Foreign Affairs Committee tackled the question today for the first time.

### ALP Asks Fair Disposal Of War Surplus

While Sen. James Mead made public a report yesterday on surplus property criticizing the methods of the Defense Plant Corp. in disposing properties, the state office of the American Labor Party warned that unless remedial action is taken the country will be victimized by a new crop of war profiteers.

In a comprehensive statement on the disposition of surplus property to Guy M. Gillette, chairman of the Federal Surplus Property Board, and Mead, chairman of the Senate Special Committee to Investigate the National Defense Program, the ALP asked for the most productive use of properties.

It called for appropriate regulations to guarantee that surplus war property be made available to small businessmen and that the Surplus Property Act be administered to prevent the growth of monopoly.

### No Progress In Mine Parley

WASHINGTON, March 22 (UP).—The joint coal wage negotiating committee made no progress toward agreement today, and early Government intervention appeared likely.

Ezra Van Horn, spokesman of the operators and conference chairman, said the committee discussed "lots of things" but reached no conclusions.

Only nine days are left before the present contract expires.

### Suspect Held in Theft of Cigars

PHILADELPHIA, March 22 (UP).—Morris Kessler, 31, alias Anthony Marino, of (5123 Beverly Rd.) Brooklyn, N. Y., was held today in \$3,000 bail charged with the theft of a \$3,700 truck load of cigars.

\*Many members urged swifter action by the dilatory War Crimes Commission in London.

as they discuss a proposal by Rep. Emanuel Celler, Brooklyn Democrat, to set up a body to cooperate with the London commission and prod it to action.

Celler said his resolution is designed solely to speed action against the guilty.

It asks the President to name an American commission to "proceed expeditiously for the punishment of war criminals, regardless of whether their crimes have been committed . . . within the territory of the United Nations or of the Axis" or whether the victims were subjects of the Axis nations or not.

The Jews of Germany are included among the victims, Celler declared.

The American group would not handle the punishment itself. But it would ask the War Crimes Commission to do the job and it would "prod it."

#### WOULD PUNISH MAGNATES

Sol Bloom (D-NY) committee chairman, warmly supported the resolution, and urged an amendment to recommend the punishment of guilty Axis magnates as war criminals.

None of the 17 or 18 committee members around the big table offered any objection to Bloom's demand.

Rep. Daniel J. Flood (D-Pa) first raised the question of the Axis magnates, expressing the fear that German and Japanese financiers, who had engineered the destruction of industries in other lands, might escape.

Celler then named the I. G. Farben interests as sellers of execution gas. They must be punished, he said, as well as the Krupps and Thyssens who backed the Nazi murder regime.

Bloom asked Flood to write an amendment covering these points.

Celler, Herbert Claiborne Pell, former member of the War Crimes Commission, who protested that body's inaction, and General Carlos P. Rommulo, Filipino resident commissioner in Washington, were the witnesses today.

The war criminals will repeat their bloody deeds unless they are punished speedily, said Celler in his opening statement.

"It is the duty of Congress," he

added, "to play an important part in this question of Axis criminals. If Congress must prod the work of the present commission, as it appears it must, then let it prod."

Pell, an earnest, big-bodied man with graying hair, said the War Crimes Commission had only been given 1,000 cases to deal with by the governments it represented.

#### SOVIET ACTION CITED

The Russians, he said, who didn't belong to the commission, were going ahead with their trials and punishments.

"They seem to be more interested in hanging wrongdoers than in technicalities," he declared.

Hitler's name didn't get on the commission's list, he explained, till the Czechs insisted on action.

Pell heartily endorsed the Celler resolution. Such an American advisory body would help get stronger action by the London body, he felt sure. And it would certainly help in mobilizing American opinion, especially if some Congressmen were members.

Gen. Rommulo, a colorful, uniformed figure, stirred the committee room with his eye-witness story of the Japanese butcheries in Manila. He got there, he said, while the twisted bodies of 1,700 Filipinos were still lying in the fortress dungeon, where the Japanese had burned them to death with kerosene.

The Japanese Emperor was his country's top war criminal, said the Filipino leader, and must be treated as such.

Committee members agreed to that.

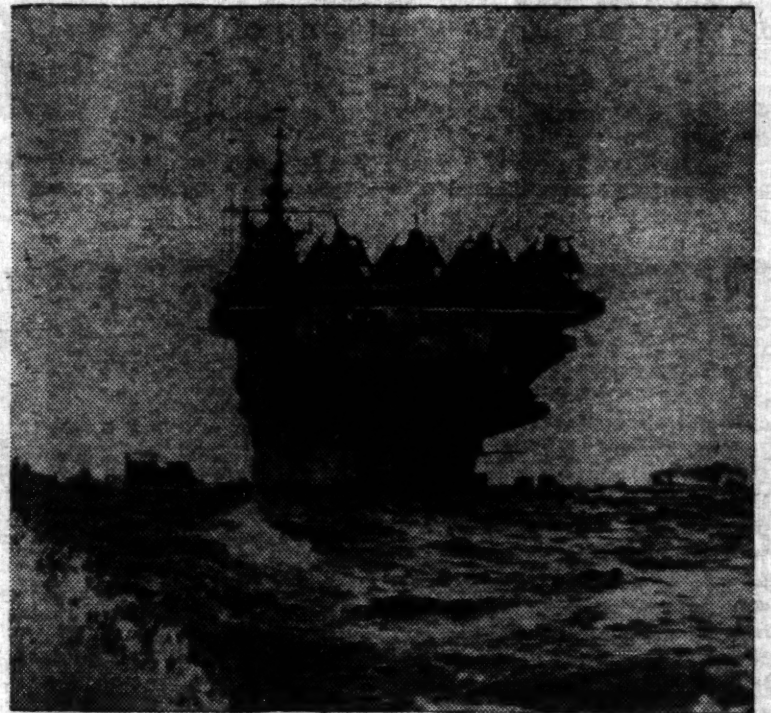
Rommulo will shortly address the House on Japanese atrocities.

Helen Gehagan Douglas (D-Cal) asked Pell at the end why the London Commission hadn't done anything about the murder of 4,000,000 Jews.

"Because of fear to make a decision," replied Pell.

"Is there any doubt that the murder of 4,000,000 Jews is murder?" asked Mrs. Douglas.

"Lawyers," replied Pell, "fear to make such an elementary extension of public law. These lawyers are not the greatest lawyers, in my opinion."



This Navy plane carrier, with Avengers on her flight deck, is resting between war missions in the Pacific. Such carriers figured in the recent attack on the Japanese fleet in its home base in the Inland Sea.

## Dewey Offers New Study To Cities Asking Aid

By MAX GORDON

ALBANY, N. Y., March 22.—Gov. Dewey today scuttled, as far as the current session of the legislature is concerned, the recommendations of the Moore Commission on Increased State Aid to Municipalities, by proposing the organization of another commission to study the matter further.

The new commission, consisting of Speaker Heck of the Assembly, Majority Leader Benjamin Feinberg of the Senate and members of the Governor's own staff, is to report at a special session of the legislature, probably in May or June.

The Moore Commission, headed by State Comptroller Frank C. Moore and consisting of leading fiscal authorities in the State setup and of a few cities, is to be continued with an appropriation of \$40,000, according to the Governor's proposal. It is to be expanded by the addition of some members of the Governor's brain trust.

The Moore report, handed down last week, recommended fundamental revisions in the relations between city and state finance. It proposed that the localities be relieved of a large part of the burden of relief by reducing their share to 20 percent of the cost of all types of relief, the State and Federal government paying the rest. It also recommended that the system of State-shared taxes be done away with, the state to turn over to the localities a sum of \$100,000,000 a year. This is considerably more than the localities received in past years, but is actually about \$20,000,000 less than they will get this year and next year.

In his statement on the report today, the Governor praised the general principles of reduction of the cities' relief share and of stabilizing finances, but evaded any direct mention of the specific proposals made by the Commission. It is generally known that he has strongly criticized the proposal that the municipalities pay 20 percent of relief, as being too generous to them.

Along with the Moore Commission, the Governor also cited the continuation of the Osterag Legislative Committee investigating the relief setup in the state. He maintained the work of all three commissions should be presented to the legislature as a coordinated whole.

The Moore commission proposed no additional help to the cities this year, recommending that its program not take effect until 1946. The Governor is evidently of the same mind, since he claimed in his statement that the cities are "in good fiscal condition for the current year."

Revision of the formula for state aid to education, proposed by another commission last week, is not affected by this move. The new formula is scheduled for adoption by the legislature before it adjourns tomorrow.



## Rap Jaeckle In Buffalo Transit Fight

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, March 22.—A charge that Edwin F. Jaeckle, Erie County GOP boss, had ditched a Republican Congressman for fighting the Buffalo Transit Utility, represented by Jaeckle's law firm, was made on the floor of the Assembly today by Assemblyman Philip V. Baczkowski, Buffalo Democrat.

Baczkowski's charge came in the course of a lengthy and bitter debate on a bill to set up a legislative committee to investigate the Buffalo transit situation, sponsored by Sen. Walter J. Mahoney and Assemblyman Frank Gugino, both Buffalo Republicans.

The Congressman involved is Joseph R. Mruk, who was denied re-designation last fall by the GOP machine. Congressman Mruk ran as an insurgent in the GOP primaries and came within a few hundred votes of winning. As Councilman and Congressman he had a reputation for battling the transit utility. He had also backed many of FDR's war measures in Congress.

Both houses were embroiled in debates on the Mahoney-Gugino measure today.

Democrats charged it was purely a political move in preparation for the mayoralty elections this fall. They noted that the Public Service Commission was set up for the purpose of investigating public utilities and held all the facilities.

It was learned that the bill was inspired by the organization of a committee of prominent Buffalo citizens, led by ex-Mayor Thomas Holling, to get the Public Service Commission to step in. Ex-Mayor Holling is a Democrat and an aspirant for the Democratic designation this year. Republicans feared he and the Democrats would gain considerable prestige as a result of his leadership in the fight for transit improvement and countered with their move for a legislative investigation.

The Assembly completed action today on the Young Bill to extend teachers' tenure to the rural areas of the state. Teachers have been fighting for such a measure for years.

Repercussions of the Brooklyn College basketball bribery case were heard in both Senate and Assembly today as both houses acted favorably on the Morrill-Wilson Bill to make bribery in amateur sports a felony punishable by imprisonment of from one to five years and by a maximum fine of \$10,000.

Democrats made a vain effort in the Senate to amend a war ballot measure to include absentee voting by the Red Cross, merchant marine and other civilian war personnel.

The bill itself, introduced by Sen. Charles O. Burney, amended the present law to make the deadline Dec. 6 instead of Nov. 3, as it was last year. And included other measures to ease the receipt of soldiers' applications which the State War Ballot Commission was compelled in practice to take last year as a result of public pressure.

The Assembly completed action on the Governor's juvenile delinquency program.

## Can't Intervene to Save EAM Hero, Says U.S. Ambassador

When Michael Monedas, outstanding member of EAM, Greek National Liberation Front, was condemned to death by an Athens court early this month, an EAM delegation appealed to U.S. Ambassador Lincoln MacVeagh for help.

During the German occupation, 23-year-old Monedas had blown up a German vessel in Piraeus, organized the capture of German arms for the partisans, helped to save Athens power station from German destruction, killed an officer of the pro-German gendarmerie and a member of the SS troops. It was for the latter "crime" that on March 9 an Athens tribunal sentenced Monedas to die.

The EAM delegation told MacVeagh of Monedas' record, and declared, according to a Reuters dispatch:

"The Greek national resistance movement is being persecuted all over Greece, and there is a danger of chaos in the country if the attempts against the left are continued."

MacVeagh replied he could not intervene.

# Konev Wipes Out 45,000 Nazis, Takes 400 Towns

LONDON, March 22 (UP).—Soviet troops in twin advances of 25 miles have encircled and wiped out 45,000 Germans on the edge of the Czechoslovak arsenal area, Moscow reported tonight.

Marshal Joseph Stalin announced that two Red Army columns had met at the foot of the Sudeten Mountains after each swept 25 miles across upper Silesia, catching 15,000 prisoners in the trap. A subsequent communique reported that 30,000 other Germans were killed in the drive.

## Dimitrov Heads Bulgar Communists

Wireless to the Daily Worker

LONDON, March 22.—George Dimitrov, hero of the Reichstag Fire Trial, greeted the Fatherland Front Congress this month in Sofia, and praised its leadership, under which

"our people broke forever with the shameful fascist past," the Bulgarian Radio revealed.

Recently arrived in Bulgaria, Dimitrov, general secretary of the former Communist International, was elected to the National Committee of the Fatherland Front, and was elected president of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party.

Dimitrov's message follows in full: "Brothers and sisters! Young comrades! Accept my sincerest fighting greetings and good wishes for the success of our work for the motherland."

"For the first time in Bulgarian political life, a genuine nationwide congress is being held."

"Thanks to the Fatherland Front, our people broke forever with their shameful fascist past, washed its face of the black stain of misdeeds, of its mean greater-Bulgarian chauvinists, and now finds its deserved peace among the ranks of Slavdom and all freedom-loving nations."

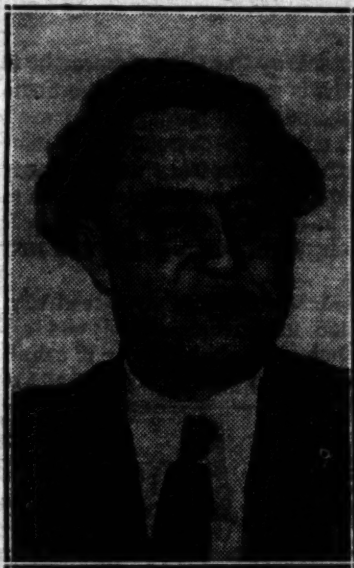
### 'REGENERATED BULGARIA'

"Our country after being fascist Germany's satellite became a factor for future Balkan peace and progress. The Fatherland Front laid the foundations for building a new, free, regenerated Bulgaria. That is why internal and foreign enemies of the Bulgarian people, open and hidden, are trying so mischievously, bitterly and perfidiously to undermine the Fatherland Front's fighting unity and discredit its people's government."

"That is precisely why we should be most vigilant over these enemies and their agents, under whatever mask they act. Our nation's strength and future lie in its fighting patriotic unity, now gathered around the Fatherland Front. There can be no true Bulgarian patriot who does not belong to the Fatherland Front, who does not help according to his strength and ability for its success."

### Fire Retards Growth

Besides the destruction of billions of trees, forest fires also often render the soil sterile for further growth by burning away the humus and minerals needed for good tree production.



GEORGE DIMITROV.

## 3 Congressmen Plead for WACs

WASHINGTON, March 22 (UP).—Three New York Congressmen today asked an investigation into the recent court-martial of four Negro Women's Army Corps members.

The WACs staged a sitdown strike March 10 at the Lovell General Hospital, Fort Devens, Mass. They charged that Col. Walter M. Crandall, commanding officer, told them that they were "here to mop walls, scrub floors and do all the dirty work." Each of the four was ordered dishonorably discharged and sentenced to a year at hard labor.

Reps. Emanuel Celler, D.; Vito Marcantonio, ALP, and Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., D., first-term Negro Congressmen, asked the investigation.

Celler wired Maj. Gen. Sherman Miles of the First Service Command. Marcantonio and Powell asked Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson for an inquiry and complete transcript of the trial.

## Dr. Max Yergan Backs Bridges

Dr. Max Yergan, president of the National Negro Congress, indicated this week that he has joined the growing number of interested persons who have appealed to President Roosevelt to drop deportation proceedings against Harry Bridges, West Coast leader of the Longshoremen's Union.

Pointing out that in frequent trips to the West Coast he has observed at first hand the work that Bridges' union is doing to aid the war effort, Dr. Yergan praised Bridges' leadership in the "efficient and speedy handling of war materials" and adherence to the no-strike pledge.

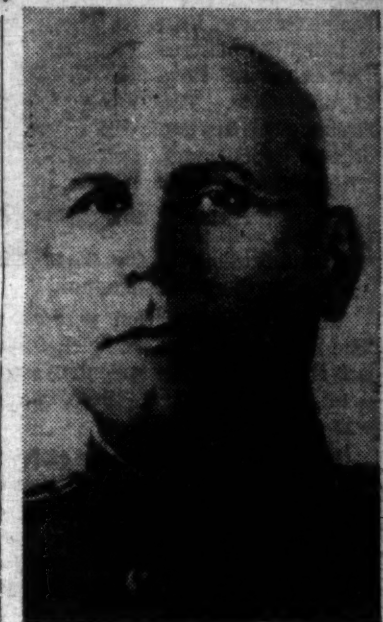
The brilliant maneuver by Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian Army overran 400 Silesian towns including the large centers of Neustadt, Cosel, Falkenberg, Zuelz, Ober Glogau, Steinau and Krapitz, Stalin revealed in an Order of the Day. Neustadt lies only three miles from the Czech border, 84 miles northeast of industrial Brno and 135 miles from Prague.

Stalin's order ended a 33-day silence on activities along Konev's Upper Silesian flank. Berlin admitted today that the Germans had withdrawn to a new front west of Neustadt.

Stalin revealed that Konev's columns had gained 25 miles both west and south of Oppeln, upper Silesian capital on the Oder, and had converged around a 500-square-mile pocket of Germans. It was indicated the German losses would run considerably higher when the mop-up was completed.

A great quantity of weapons, including 464 guns, were seized in the push, for which Stalin saluted troops under 56 generals, indicative of the huge forces involved.

The two First Ukrainian Army columns linked up in the area of



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## Konev and Patton Take 'Neustadt'

Marshal Konev's First Ukrainian Army and Gen. Patton's Third U.S. Army both captured Neustadt yesterday. But they were two different Neustadts, one on the Czech border and the other in the Saar area.

The map shows seven different Neustadts in Germany.

Neustadt, 22 miles southwest of Oppeln. The southern column seized Cosel, 24 miles south of Oppeln and the same distance east of Neustadt, while the northern group reached Neustadt by way of Falkenberg, 11 miles west of Oppeln and Steinau, six miles north of Neustadt.

The German stand along the bypassed Baltic coast was coming to a disastrous end as the Soviet cut apart the garrisons around Konigsberg, Danzig and Gdynia.

The battered Germans southwest of Konigsberg held on against the coast of the Frisches Haff (lagoon) in an area at no point more than three miles deep. Their base was the road junction of Heiligenbell, described in Moscow dispatches as in flames and jammed with tanks.

## 18-Year-Old GI Held Vital to Victory

WASHINGTON, March 22 (UP).—The use of 18-year-old soldiers in combat may have averted a stalemate in the war, it was revealed today as the House Military Affairs Committee voted unanimously to extend the draft law another year.

trucks and German bodies. At some villages on the outskirts, infantry had to clear the enemy dead before trucks could proceed.

Red Army men were fighting through dense beech forests on the outskirts of both Danzig and Gdynia, beating off counter-attacks by groups of 200 to 300 Germans.

## Mixed Units Do Well in Battle

The United States Army's first experiment with black and white combat troops together in the same units is proving successful, according to reports yesterday from the First Army, fighting east of the Rhine, in Germany. The Negro infantrymen left their jobs as laborers to volunteer for this combat duty.

Judging by reports, it seems that both the white and the black troops are taking the experiment in stride.

In stating that the Army has "moved cautiously" in mixing Negro and white units in the same divisions, dispatches say it is being done by sending Negro rifle platoons into white outfits gradually, one platoon to each regiment. A regiment contains from 2,500 to 3,000 men, while a platoon contains 48.

The Army is said to be keeping a close check on the Negro platoons, making weekly reports on their morale, fighting ability, casualties and the number of Germans captured. Capt. Edward Finnegan, 3038 Hull Ave., Bronx, is quoted as declaring that all reports so far have been good.

## Eden Named Head of British Delegation to Frisco Parley

LONDON, March 22 (UP).—Prime Minister Winston Churchill today named Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden chairman of a nine-member delegation to the San Francisco Security Conference.

### LABOR PARTY M. P.

Churchill made history by naming two women to the delegation—Ellen Wilkinson, veteran Labor Party member of the House of Commons and Parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Home Security, and Florence Horsbrugh,

Parliamentary secretary to the health ministry.

The Earl of Halifax, British ambassador to the United States, who is also a war cabinet member, will be on the delegation.

Other members are: Lord Cranborne, Dominions secretary; George Tomlinson, Joint Parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Labor; Dingle Foot, Parliamentary secretary to the Ministry for Economic Warfare, and William Mabane, Parliamentary Secretary to the Food Ministry.



# Lewis Shadow Hangs Over Anthracite

By ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., March 22.—Unless one knew the anthracite region for many years, it would be difficult to reach or analyze over a week-end the mixed feelings of the people here. But I find it is as usual, only more so, full of fears, pessimism and without perspectives for the future. It is a desolate place. Three well-attended meetings, under the auspices of CFA clubs in Shenandoah, Wilkes-Barre and Scranton. The total attendance was easily 900. Collections for the Red Cross netted about \$60. Miners and their families watched the pictures (No Greater Love in one place. The Rainbow in the two others) spellbound, with tears on their faces. There can be no doubt of their great admiration for the Soviet Union. Many of them are foreign born—Lithuanian, Croatian, Italian.

The older generation predominates—youth is gone. The boys are at war, the girls in war industries. Opposite the hall in Shenandoah I saw four service flags in a row of houses, three, three, two and three. Next door was one with five.

Papers are full of stories of local boys, their heroism, citation and death—and eulogies of John L. Lewis on another page. These papers are predominantly Republican.

One—The Scrantonian—had the crust to refer to Philip Murray as ably assisting John L. Lewis over the



years, with no clarifying reference to his high office today as head of the CIO or his repudiation of Lewis.

I am convinced the anthracite rank and file miners have no use for Lewis—in fact they hate and despise him. The vote in the recent union elections was very light—they voted against him by boycotting the elections. President Roosevelt got a tremendously larger vote in the whole area than Lewis did for union president, which speaks for itself.

In one typical local—Nesquehoning, with a membership of 1,000 members, 19 voted for Lewis and six voted no. They don't believe Lewis got 103,000 votes, which at best is only one-fifth of the total union membership. They say "dead locals" were voted.

But their greatest weakness is their unwillingness to take positive public action—only one local, Mahanoy City, Local 886, has taken action so far calling upon the Wage Scale and Policy Committee to settle all grievances without a strike, stating, "It becomes the duty of every member of the United Mine Workers of America to remain at his post to produce the commodities for the successful prosecution of this war."

## OLDER MEN AT WORK

Production is tops today in the anthracite. Approximately 72,000 miners dug over 64,000,000 tons of coal last year, with the average age 15 years older—and men are working who are in the fifties, sixties and even seventies.

Grandpa's Back at the Face, a poem in the Miners' Journal recently, is a grim reality. The hours are long, the work dangerous and hard. These are old union members, with militant backgrounds, but many of them feel beaten in the struggle. They went through insurgent movements, were bootleg miners, marched in unemployed parades, were in and out of the UMW. Leaders of all such movements were driven out of the union or met violent deaths.

When I spoke I could feel they agreed with all I said against a strike in wartime—there was a breathless silence as if they were glad to hear it said but fearful to be listening to it in public. They feel isolated from

the rest of labor. There are few CIO locals here, and the ILGWU leaders in the area are for Lewis.

## LOOKS TO GOVERNMENT

The miners are sick at heart over the prospect of another four years of Lewis and his henchmen on their necks. They will be glad and relieved if the government takes over the mines. They definitely do not want to strike. They say it individually, "We should not strike in wartime." To get them to say it collectively and aloud is the problem.

Even though their grievances are real they are pessimistic about Lewis' annual shadow-boxing with the operators. So many times they "won" demands that were never enforced and came to nothing, while other unions enjoyed the fruits of arbitration. They trust the government far more, especially President Roosevelt. Aggressive action on the part of the government will not antagonize them but will win their full approval. They need to feel that they are not alone and want the support of the general public.

One argument that I could see hit home is, "What will your boys think?" Mothers look grimly at their husbands then. They know little, as yet, of world affairs—Crimea, Dumbarton Oaks—but they do know they want their boys to win against the Nazis and come safely home and soon. And they want their boys to feel they are doing their utmost here, not letting them down. This is the weakest link in John L. Lewis' hold on the miners. This is the strong appeal that must be made to them—"Don't sabotage your country at war and your own sons at the front."

We distributed a large number of copies of Earl Browder's latest pamphlet, America's Decisive Battle, and William Z. Foster's, The Coal Miners. They were eager to receive them. The job of the labor movement is to break through to the miners and bring them knowledge and hope. They need to know more about the no-strike pledge of the CIO and of how other unions have successfully settled grievances without strikes and that they cannot win by throttling their country at war. Their uncertainty must become active resistance to Lewis.

# Civilians to Get Slightly Less Food Because American GIs Need More

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Civilian food allocations will be cut slightly starting April 1 because the armed forces need more food. This is the story of what is happening to American food supply according to War Food Administration figures. A more detailed picture of the food situation will be provided by President Roosevelt next week.

During the next three months, civilians in the United States will get 73 percent of total food available—as compared with 75 percent in recent months.

The armed forces will get 17 percent compared with 14 percent for the first quarter of 1945 and about 13 percent before that.

Lend-Lease will get eight percent, with another two percent going to UNRRA, Red Cross and U. S. territories.

This 10 percent for non-military shipments abroad compares with about 11 percent in recent months about 12 percent in the latter part of 1944.

## SOLDIERS NEED MORE

Despite the anguished protests in Congress that Americans are going hungry because of food shipments to our Allies, the facts show that the actual cut being planned in food supplies for civilians is quite small, that there is also a cut in Lend-Lease shipments and that the real pressure on our food supply is from the armed forces.

Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson emphasized the Army's need for food in reply to press conference questions.

The Army's food supply is "below the minimum safety factor" necessary to assure combat areas against emergencies, Patterson said.

The Army, Patterson said, has no "stockpile" of food except supplies necessary to fill the "pipelines" to the combat areas. Official Army meat ration, he said, is one pound a day per soldier, with actual consumption varying from 12 to 14 ounces a day in various war theaters.

Patterson said this cannot properly be compared with the civilian consumption average which includes infants, aged, women and persons not engaged in heavy physical labor.

## Foul Play On Poultry Front?

WASHINGTON, March 22 (UP).—The Government soon will boost the price of poultry, it was learned today.

Economic Stabilization Director William H. Davis is expected to authorize the increase in the near future, perhaps before the end of the week.

Farmers, it is said, will get an increase of one-cent-a-pound on broilers, fliers and other meat chickens.

## Higher Subsidies For Slaughterers

WASHINGTON, March 22.—OPA Administrator Chester Bowles told the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, today of plans to increase subsidy payments to cattle slaughterers by 50 cents per hundred pounds.

Spokesmen for the meat industry, pressing for price increases, said they were not satisfied with the subsidy increase.

## Hunt Income Tax Dodgers in Resorts

WASHINGTON, March 22 (UP).—A nationwide crackdown on black-market rich "free spenders" living in luxury and cheating Uncle Sam out of income taxes is under way, it was revealed today.

Treasury agents are checking up on several hundred "free spenders" at Miami and Miami Beach, Fla.

The drive, ordered by Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., will be extended to resorts throughout the country.

## Water for Rubber

It takes 85,000 gallons of water in production of a ton of synthetic rubber.



Total desolation greets three infantrymen of the Third Division of the U.S. 7th Army as they search for snipers on rubble-filled street in blasted Zweibruecken, Germany.

## News Capsules

### Mass. Governor Backs FEPC

GOV. MAURICE J. TOBIN of Massachusetts declared himself in favor of a State FEPC, several hours after the sponsors of seven anti-discrimination bills jointly presented to the Committee on State Administration a revised measure on which they all agreed. The revised bill is patterned after the FEPC law recently enacted in New York State. From 500 to 800 people daily attended three days of hearings on the bill. On March 27 opponents of the bill will be heard.

In a sharp attack on red-baiters, Rabbi Morris S. Lazaron of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, sounded a warning against those who play into the hands of forces seeking to divide America. The occasion was the withdrawal from sponsorship of a White Collar Conference by Maryland Representatives D'Allesandro, Baldwin and Fallon,

ostensibly because some of the listed sponsors were "practically known as Communist sympathizers and supporters." Rabbi Lazaron pointed out that "Naziland" itself has shown us how "first it was the Communists, then the Jews; finally it was the Catholics and Protestants who were burned in the fires of hate."

U. S. COMBAT CASUALTIES officially compiled here reached 859,587 yesterday, 19,998 more than a week ago. The total included 767,680 Army and 91,907 Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard casualties.

	Army	Navy
Killed .....	150,310	35,342
Wounded .....	464,731	41,882
Missing .....	88,209	10,417
Prisoners .....	64,430	4,266

Totals ..... 767,680 91,907  
Of the Army wounded, 236,251 have returned to duty.

# Surplus Sale Laxity Hit

WASHINGTON, March 22 (UP).—The Senate War Investigating Committee warned today that the present method of surplus war property disposal may lead to "the chaotic conditions, inefficiency and dishonesty" that followed World War I.

It reported confusion, delay and opportunities for dishonesty in disposal procedure and said the Defense Plant Corp., formerly headed by Jesse Jones, was partly responsible. It urged prompt corrective measures, including a clear statement of policy from the newly created Surplus Property Board.

In a 43-page report covering nearly two years of investigation, the committee criticized the operations of Jacob Goldberg's Surplus Liquidator, Inc., New York, and the "quick, easy profit" motive behind the Worldwide Mercantile Corp., in which New York racketeer Irving (Waxey Gordon) Wexler was involved.

## Annual Pay Pacts For 42,500 Workers

WASHINGTON, March 22 (FP).—Approximately 42,500 workers employed in manufacturing and consumers goods industries are guaranteed job security through annual wage or employment plans, the Labor Department said.

Basing its findings on a study of union contracts covering eight million workers, the department said: "Limited as they are, employment guarantee provisions in union agreements represent a partial fulfillment of workers' requests for job security."

"To an increasing extent unions are seeking job security for their members through inclusion of employment or wage guarantee in their contracts."

The report added that existing guarantee plans "may indicate the beginning of a more general adoption of plans to provide some measure of security to an increasing number of workers."

We are at war. . . . Every Wednesday is waste-paper collection day in New York City.



## Office Union Backs Annual Wage Study

Expressing its agreement with the President's directive to the War Mobilization Advisory Board to study the application of a guaranteed annual wage for American work-

### No One to Replace Hull At Frisco Parley

WASHINGTON, March 22 (UP).—Reports that former Secretary of State Cordell Hull might not go to San Francisco as a U. S. delegate to the United Nations Conference brought this comment today from the White House:

"The President has no intention of naming anyone to take Mr. Hull's place."

Acting presidential press secretary Jonathan Daniels declined to amplify this comment.

He was asked, however, if that attitude would prevail "regardless of whether Mr. Hull goes to the conference."

ers, the United Office and Professional Workers of America, CIO, through its president, Lewis Merrill, yesterday wired its support to Director of War Mobilization James F. Byrnes.

Merrill offered the union's "research and other facilities in completing the study." The UOPWA represents over 55,000 white collar and professional workers throughout the country.

"Salaried employees," states the telegram, "generally are employed on a 52-week basis. We have as a consequence considerable experience with this question and are prepared to cooperate with you in every way possible."

President Joseph Curran of New York CIO Council, reporting at the regular meeting of the central body Wednesday on the recent CIO executive board, welcomed the annual wage study. He said it was undoubtedly a result of the initiative of the CIO, particularly that of President Philip Murway of the CIO.

### GROPPERGRAMS



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## All Tickets Sold In Foster Event

Tickets to the William Z. Foster Testimonial Dinner are all sold out, and no further reservations are available, it was announced yesterday by the dinner committee. The committee appealed to the great many still desiring reservations for tonight's event not to crowd the doors, as no more tickets can be sold, and those without reservations won't get in.

The dinner will mark the 50th anniversary in the labor movement for the great veteran of many struggles and vice-president of the Communist Political Association.

The arrangement committee is headed by co-chairmen Ben Gold, president of the International Fur and Leather Workers, and Louis Weinstock, secretary-treasurer of the Painters, District Council 9.

### Hotel Union Official Hits Lewis Threat

PITTSBURGH, March 22.—The threat of John L. Lewis to strike the nation's coal mines is doing immeasurable harm to the "justified demands" of the miners, Nick Lazari, business representative of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Alliance, AFL, declared today.

## CIO Names April For Educational Drive on Crimea

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Designating the month of April as "United Nations Month," president Philip Murray addressed a letter to all CIO affiliates calling upon them to

initiate an intense educational campaign in support of the Crimea decisions.

He outlined a six-point program for the locals and directed both the CIO's Political Action Committee and legislative department to develop a joint drive to win Congressional support for the decisions.

Murray's letter, follows:

"The great decisions of the Crimean conference which were paralleled by the decisions of the London Trade Union Conference will soon be embodied in the plan made at San Francisco to set up an international security organization and will thereafter be presented to the representatives of the American people in the Congress of the United States for ratification.

"Because of the importance of these decisions for the peace and security of the peoples of the world, it is important that the membership of the CIO be as fully informed of the issues at stake as it is vitally concerned in their outcome.

"For this reason I am designating the month of April as United Nations Month within the CIO and ask all international unions to cooperate in setting up the following program within their organization:

"First—Have the editor of your international union newspaper print my enclosed message to all CIO members in an early issue of the paper.

"Second—Address a similar message to your own membership to be printed in the same issue of the paper.

"Third—All local unions should be urged to hold a meeting within the month of April devoted to discussion of our foreign policy—what the Dumbarton Oaks plan means

to the people of the world and especially to American workers, the connection of the Bretton Woods monetary agreements with international security and its relation to jobs here in the United States through an expansion of foreign trade.

"I would further recommend that the local unions set up discussion groups to study and report to the membership on developments in our foreign policy. Local union officers, shop stewards, legislative and political action committees should be urged to familiarize themselves with these issues.

"Fourth—All locals and all local union members should be urged to write their congressmen asking them to vote for the Bretton Woods monetary agreements without amendments.

"Fifth—Locals should be urged to cooperate on a community basis with other CIO unions, other labor organizations and church, civic, fraternal, professional and women's organizations in public meetings and educational activity. Already many church and women groups have initiated such program.

Sixth—All union papers should carry prominent notices of the State Department's Saturday night broadcasts on our foreign policy.

"Such a month of intense educational activity will pave the way for the legislative and political campaign to ensure congressional ratification of the decisions worked out at San Francisco. I am asking the CIO Political Action Committee and the CIO Legislative Committee to work out a joint program for bringing these matters of international significance to the attention of all CIO members.

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## NEW MASSES

## Texas House Advances Bill to Ban Closed Shop

By Federated Press

AUSTIN, Tex., March 22 (FP).—The House of Representatives passed to final reading by a vote of 73 to 63 the "Christian-American" House Bill 12 to outlaw the closed shop in Texas. The bill is expected to be brought up soon for final passage.

In a pitched battle atmosphere, legislators close to the Christian Americans raged and filibustered for hours to put across the bill before a house committee now investigating the Christian Americans could issue its report.

Earlier, with the Christian Americans still holding the whip, the house reconsidered by a vote of 74 to 67 an amendment it adopted the week before which would have rendered H. B. 12 invalid in the courts. This amendment would have made the measure unconstitutional "class legislation" by exempting from its provisions railroad employees and workers engaged in the production of goods for interstate commerce.

### U. S. GIVES GOOD HOUSEWIVES BONUS OF RED POINTS

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## Success in the Saar

HITLER is suffering one of his most disastrous defeats all along the lower Rhine, where our American armies are scoring one of the great victories of the entire war. Something really big has happened throughout the West-wall in this last month. Reading and hearing about it from day to day hardly indicates the magnitude of the American—and United Nations—achievement.

It is not only the rich industrialized Saar captured from the enemy; not only the great area, almost half the size of Belgium; not only the annihilation of almost a million German soldiers dead, wounded and captured. It is all that—but also more.

In this brief month, our armies have shown their maturity. Our soldiers have shown their skill and endurance. Our officers and generals have shown their ability to take advantage of the enemy's disintegration by dealing him ever more powerful blows. The entire series of battles, beginning with the Canadian drive in the north, then the capture of Cologne, and now the slicing up of the Saar, shows an excellent coordination of all sectors of the Western Front. And this coordination—dovetailed with the position of our Soviet allies in the east—upholds the power of the Crimea decisions and hammers home to every German the message of Hitler's impending doom. Taken together with our bridgehead below Cologne, and the impending Soviet drive from upper Silesia, it is clear that the war's end has been brought decisively closer.

Some newspapers and commentators are looking for "deep" explanations of what is happening in the Saar. The same circles who thought that the Germans were giving up in the east last January but holding in the west are now suggesting the reverse: that the Germans are deliberately giving way in the west and holding fast in the east.

But this does a discredit to our own armies and misses the essential point. Yes, thousands of Germans are giving up not because they want to, but because they can't help themselves. They are being overwhelmed by superior power. They certainly tried to hold out and fought as fiercely as they knew how. But they cannot fight that way any longer because we are following up our punches magnificently, and the coordination of the two fronts is disintegrating German morale.

The end is nearer, therefore, but heavy battles and sacrifices still remain ahead. The German armies don't collapse of themselves. They must be crushed. And that final process will take everything our armies and our home front can deliver.

## Give to the Red Cross

OUT of 15,300 wounded servicemen in the battle for Iwo Jima as many as 12,000 may be completely restored to health.

Secretary of the Navy James F. Forrestal revealed this fact before a Red Cross luncheon. It was appropriate that he should have chosen this forum for emphasizing the achievement of our Navy doctors.

For it is the Red Cross, through its collection of blood plasma, that has made it possible to save the lives of thousands and thousands of Army and Navy men.

It is the Red Cross which has helped 70,000 Americans in enemy prison camps with food, clothing, medical supplies.

Do you want to help our fighting men?

Then give to the Red Cross.

## A Great, Proud Record

ONLY a tiny fraction of the thousands of well-wishers were lucky to obtain reservations for tonight's William Z. Foster Testimonial Dinner before the "sold out" notice was sent out. We hardly attempt to guess the number of thousands throughout the country who would like to join the celebration.

Foster's fifty years in the labor movement have been years of active work, rich experience and leadership in many of our historic and stormiest of struggles.

Foster's work contributed greatly to the advancement of progressivism in America, especially in the labor movement. He is a teacher for thousands who today lead organizations.

The entire staff of the Daily Worker extends to Foster wishes of good health and many more years to pile on his enviable record. We are proud that Foster has been one of our major co-workers since the "Daily" was founded 21 years ago.

## MIXED UNITS



— To Tell the Truth —

## Which Poison Do We Drink?

by Robert Minor

DEEP in the currents of American life are prejudices, virulent and persistent, each flowing out of some past phase of our history—some even from one or another of its best phases—but all constituting a danger to our nation in war and peace.

Out of the lowest sources in medieval Europe, revived and stepped up by the worst forces of present-day reaction, stems the current of superstitious prejudice against Jews.

Out of the American Revolution inevitably came a revolutionary patriotism directed in just fury against the British rulers in its time, but transformed without justification into prejudice against the British people.

Out of seven centuries of British rape of Ireland inevitably comes not only the healthy hatred of that classic historic crime, but also a hatred fixed as a prejudice against the English people, capable of exploitation as such to the damage of all the world including Eire.

Out of colonial times stems a hatred and prejudice against Catholics. The very first words of the first Article of our Bill of Rights—providing that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."—were shaped largely for the protection of the Catholic minority of Maryland. The virulent anti-Catholic prejudice reached a new low in the organized campaign of hatred against the Irish immigrants in the middle of the last century. We know how strong and fine is that part of the blood and sinew of the American labor movement that still bears the Irish name. Each successive immigration from Catholic countries has been accompanied by the stirring up of violent and degraded baiting both of the foreign-born and of Catholics as Catholics.

Most virulent of all, out of two and a half centuries of slavery stems the violent filthy Jimcrow system of organized prejudice and "race" hate against one of the

finest and most basic stocks of the American people—the Negro.

Out of class greed and the mass political friction from bargaining over the price of labor power—out of organized contempt and dread on the part of wealthy classes directed against the just aspirations of workers of all creeds and races—arises a violent class prejudice directed against the largest part of the American people and against the labor movement which gives them the capacity to defend their interests. This class prejudice and hatred reaches its most violent form in red-baiting.

Out of hatred and fear of all that pertains to the rights of the exploited masses comes the class fear and hatred, reaching hysteria, against that democracy of the newest type, which has become the strongest ally of our American democracy—the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

NOW tell me, which of these prejudices we shall foster and keep alive, and which shall we be against?

Obviously we must condemn all of them, including in each case that one of them which is closest to the roots of our own individual social and family origin. All of these rotting, befouling, deadly prejudices are destructive to our nation, to our people, to all of world democracy. The Nazi enemy utilizes, not one or two of these prejudices, but all of them to split our nation, to weaken it, in order to destroy us.

I have a letter from a shop worker who says:

"I am having trouble answering criticism by some of my shopmates concerning the military role and obligations of Great Britain:

"1. The small number of British troops fighting on the Western Front.

"2. The greater role that Britain has in the freed countries where their soldiers are being used to fight the democratic elements of that country, like in Greece and Belgium, or—

"3. ... why are the Soviet Union and the United States giving so much and Great Britain so little?

"I am sure that these anglophobic arguments can be answered with facts. ... Would you please answer?"

AMONG the five great powers of the United Nations it is always true that some are doing less than others. We have larger forces at war now than the British. Three years ago the British had more men in action than we. And today the Russians have by far the largest forces of all in the war, have lost untold millions of men, women and children, and have suffered more terribly than any people ever suffered before on such a mass scale.

There are often serious, grave political weaknesses, even crimes like that in Greece, or of the Chinese anti-Communist campaign, tending to cripple the military action of one or another of the great allies.

Always an enemy agent—conscious or unconscious—can say, "Look, we are doing more than our share; slow down."

What are we to conclude?

Follow the example of the Russians. They didn't hesitate to criticize our delay in the making of the second front. But the criticism was the criticism of comrades-in-arms. And above all they went ahead and doubled their fighting. That was the way to help us to catch up.

But all of the prejudices exploited within one ally against another are poisons used by the Nazi gangsters for our defeat.

Which of these poisons should we swallow? None of them.

## Worth Repeating

AMERICA'S SHARE in helping democracy in the European countries is emphasized in Maxine Levi's new pamphlet, *The Communists in the Liberation of Europe*, which concludes: The peoples of Europe do not seek to establish Communism. Communism is not the issue. The question is simply this: shall the peoples of Europe, whom Nazism condemned to slavery and extermination, be encouraged to win and retain their independence, their national health and vigor?

That question must be answered not alone by the peoples of Europe, but also "in spirit of unity and coordination by the three great powers."

Americans have too much at stake to fail to do their share.



# Youthful Energy--A Reservoir for Society

WHEN I was a boy down in Alabama at about the age of some of the younger boys who make up the 'Kid Gangs' we hear so much about today, I eagerly looked for some activity that would consume my curiosity and give an outlook to my youthful energies. You may call it a hobby. I lived in the large steel and iron center Ensley, Ala. The thing that aroused my curiosity most was the belching smoke stacks at the eight huge blast furnaces near where I lived that smelted raw ores into iron to be transformed into the steel for making rails at the great steel plant adjoining the blast furnaces. At night there is no more beautiful sight than the brilliant red glow that comes from the converters through which hot air is blown into the molten iron, cleaning it of impurities. I developed an urge to "manufacture" iron in my backyard.



My father was a "keeper" of one of these blast furnaces. It was my duty to take him a hot meal every day at dinner time. At noon I trudged from home into the plant with my father's dinner pail. He had 30 minutes to eat and I waited until he finished to take the dinner pail back home. While he ate I examined every detail of construction of the blast furnace, down to the runways through which

by James W. Ford

the smelted metal flowed into sand beds cut into "pigs." I sometimes lingered after the lunch to watch the tapping for the metal. My father peered into little holes in the side of the furnace to gauge when the tap was ready. It was the most fascinating thing in the world. My father and his gang plunged long, sharp drills into the mouth of the furnace to open it and allow the smolten metal to come out. All at once, about thirty minutes of hard thrusting by strong, sweating men—the metal would begin to flow in sparkling bursting spurts. It was a magnificent sight. Some of the metal flowed into the "pig" beds, another part was sidetracked by a large metal spoon into troughs that led to huge ladles.

THEN and there I determined that I, too, would "manufacture" iron. I would rig up a furnace in my yard. I constructed a miniature furnace out of an old metal container. I had a sand bed. I used sardine cans for ladles. Black pitch-tar was my "ore." It was broken up into little pieces and put into the container. There was a mouth in the container. The peep holes were in the side. The smoke stack ran right out of the center of the container. The "furnace" was set on bricks, underneath was a pit to build the fire to melt the tar. After through preparation the tar began to melt

in the "furnace." The regular test was made for tapping. When everything was ready the mouth of the furnace was tapped and out came the sparkling metal (hot tar) running, as in the big iron blast furnaces, into the "pig" beds and into the sardine can ladles.

BOYS throughout my community began to construct their own blast furnaces. We got a thrill out of "manufacturing" pig-iron made out of tar. We had room and space and we occupied our spare time in this constructive hobby. As time went on we looked for other materials, tools and means of constructing furnaces and making iron that corresponded to the real furnace. We built our little industry within the sight of the real thing. Of course, there was no supervision of these hobbies by adults.

I think no child is born who does not have or desire a hobby. In the main the curiosity is constructive. And this is the problem of young boys and girls today in our great cities. Many of them have constructive outlets. Some sail boats in lagoons, others collect stamps, construct radio sets and pursue hobbies that give a creative outlet to their energies. But most often it is not supervised, especially on a large scale. And this is the secret of the "delinquency" of the street gangs in our large cities, made more difficult because so many adults are themselves working and have no time to look after their children.

## Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

### 'Democrat' The Wrong Word

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Reading in The Worker (Feb. 18 issue) about the German Social Democrats, I see that the last word is wrong for these people. We should not give the word "democratic" to them, since they do not believe in democracy. I suggest that we should give them the name of Social Nazi or Social Fascist instead. Otherwise, some people will be confused and think that these Social Nazis have some democratic ideas. We have our own domestic Social Nazis, too, and we should let the people know who they are as clearly as possible. "Democratic" is the wrong word here. P. R.

### Serviceman's Wife Criticizes Letter

Flushing, L. I.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I just read the letter by Vivian Johnson approving the Sunday column by Doug Ward and suggesting it be made into pamphlet form. I agree the article was very good, but unfortunately Vivian misunderstood it completely and I was surprised to see her thoughts in print in the Daily Worker.

Being a serviceman's wife with my husband overseas, I know what it is to be lonely and heart-sick—I'm doing my share on the home front and see nothing wrong in waiting for my "HE" to come home. Vivian's "solution" would only lower the morale of our soldiers and would not solve the problem on the home front either. MRS. RUTH R.

### 'Recent' Irish In England

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It may be interesting for you to know that there are about 300,000 "recent" Irish in Britain. That is what the Connolly Association, the Irish progressive-minded organization in England, claims. These are the 100,000 who are fighting in the armed forces of Great Britain and the 200,000 working in war industries. These 300,000 should be of some help in the future to get Eire to change its attitude on Britain in the United Nations alliance and to the United Nations, too. J. P. F.

### Veteran AFL Member Dies

Manhattan

Editor, Daily Worker:

The last meeting of the Central Trades was taken up paying tribute to David Levy—a veteran member of Sam Gompers Union Local 144 Cigar Makers. Brother Levy was sergeant-at-arms of the Central Trades for many years. Brother Levy was a friend of mine and many times encouraged me in my activities in the Central Trades.

He was a believer in unity between the CIO and AFL and an ardent supporter of President Roosevelt.

I fervently hope that in time every member of the Central Trades would arrive at the same conclusions as Brother Levy. M. DAVIS.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

## Let's Face It

ALBANY.

A WEEK ago I noted in this column that there are several divergent political trends within the Republican Party here.

This week, the two major tendencies, represented respectively by the GOP leaders in the Senate and Assembly, clashed sharply on the issue of merit-rating.

Large industrial corporations have been intensely interested in putting through a merit-rating amendment to the Unemployment Insurance Law almost since the law was passed in 1935. It would save them millions of dollars annually in contributions to the Unemployment Insurance Fund.



Labor and seasonal industries have bitterly opposed this on the grounds that it would cut into the Unemployment Insurance Fund and would eventually result either in cuts in benefits or in increased contributions for employers with a large labor turnover.

Twice, GOP-dominated legislatures passed merit-rating bills but they were vetoed by Gov. Lehman. As I noted last week, however, Assembly leaders Oswald D. Heck and Irving M. Ives have in the past several years become more conscious of the growing political strength of labor and have adapted themselves to this trend.

Thus, they approached the merit-rating

by Max Gordon

problem this year in a far more conciliatory fashion than in the past. After months of discussion with trade union and industrial leaders they emerged with a bill, the Falk-Gugino measure, which combined rebates to employers with benefits for workers, but which placed safeguards on the size of the fund and which eliminated the objectionable aspects of the corporation plan.

LABOR, while preferring no rebate to employers, matched the conciliatory spirit of the Ives-Heck group and gave its approval to the Falk-Gugino bill. The large corporations remained adamant in their insistence upon straight out merit-rating as embodied in the Young-Demo bill.

The Ives-Heck group has also attempted to introduce some nonpartisanship into the Legislature, within the narrow limits permitted by Gov. Dewey, and hence got a leading pro-labor Democrat to sponsor the bill in the Senate, Sen. Alex Falk of Manhattan, which a Republican introduced in the Assembly. The same practice was followed in the case of the Ives-Quinn Permanent FEPC measure.

The Senate, however, is dominated by a typical reactionary Hooverite, Sen. Benjamin Feinberg of Plattsburgh. While forced to back the Permanent FEPC measure, Sen. Feinberg evidently felt no such compulsion regarding the merit-rating issue. Thus, he emphatically rejected it on the floor of the Senate and

## Merit Rating Fight Shows State GOP Divergent Trends

made it known he intended to put through the straight out merit-rating scheme. In an outburst against Sen. Falk who had charged him with trying to kill the Ives-sponsored measure by trickery, Sen. Feinberg said he was not for "taking Democrats to his bosom," an obvious crack at the Ives nonpartisan approach.

The sharp split in the GOP legislative leadership required Gov. Dewey's intervention and he called all GOP leaders to a conference. Meanwhile, both AFL and CIO leaders had warned him he would be committing political suicide if he dared back the Young-Demo merit-rating plan. That warning, plus the adamant position taken by Heck and Ives forced Dewey to agree to what was in effect the Falk-Gugino measure.

THERE appears to be little doubt that Feinberg's emphatic rejection of the Falk-Gugino bill, despite its sponsorship by his fellow GOP leaders, was bolstered by encouragement from Dewey. In his legislative message Dewey had asked for a merit-rating bill. A letter sent out by the Commerce and Industry Association, dated March 31, states that "we have been advised the Governor has promised to sign the (Young-Demo) bill if it passes."

It was the forceful intervention of the labor movement that changed Dewey's mind. I have it on good authority that he hoped to get the AFL leaders to weaken in their opposition. When this failed, he was licked.

## Medical Service For the Veterans

by Celia Langer

nected disabilities, poses an interesting problem. Why does a veteran prefer to go to the veterans' hospital? Granted that in many areas hospital and medical facilities are lacking so that this is the only place to go; granted that not all going to the veterans' hospitals cannot afford to pay for medical care, there must obviously be another cause for the preference of the veteran to be in a veterans' hospital. We believe that this is psychological. The veteran prefers to be with other veterans, men with the same experience, who "talk the same language." When in distress he prefers the camaraderie of those who can easily understand, and to whom he can talk fully, of happenings and events shared in common.

It is of interest to note that that section of the Veterans' Administration dealing with medical problems had its origin, not in the need for providing medical care, but in the need for adjusting pensions growing out of service-connected disabilities. From this original service, examination to determine extent of injury, developed the provision of medical care. By today, obviously, the latter far overshadows the original purpose. It probably accounts in part for the fact that there is no specific medical division within the Veterans' Administration itself. It can be easily understood, though not condoned, that the Veterans' Administration which

handles millions of dollars and employs a large personnel, involved not only in providing medical service but also in handling all other problems of the veterans as well, has bureaucratic leanings.

TO CALL for the removal of Brig. Gen. Hines, head of the Veterans' Administration, as PM has recently done in a series of articles is characteristic of its unprincipled flair for publicity offering no solution to the problem.

The Pepper Committee report\* has made several criticisms of the Veterans' Administration but it offers the best discussion of the problem to date.

In its comments on the veterans' agency it pointed out:

1. Salaries of personnel are not high enough.
2. Hospitals are often isolated geographically and do not do research work.
3. Consultants are not called in often enough.
4. Relations between medical and other community organizations are not well developed.

The unions and the veteran organizations can well work together to improve the G.I. Bill of Rights and medical service for the veterans.

\* Interim Report from the Subcommittee on Wartime Health and Education to the Committee on Education and Labor on Health Needs of Veterans—February, 1945.

## Bill of Health

A CONSTRUCTIVE, unhysterical approach to the problems of the Veterans' Administration is sorely needed. An intelligent survey of medical needs for vets was made in a recent report by the Subcommittee on Wartime Health and Education. This subcommittee, of which Sen. Claude Pepper is chairman, places its findings before both the Senate Finance Committee and the House Committee on World War Veterans Legislation. These are the congressional committees responsible for bridging the gaps in the present G.I. legislation.



The most startling fact in regard to medical service for veterans is that, although the Veterans' Administration provides care for service-connected disabilities, in 1942 93 percent of all patients in its hospitals were there for non-service connected disabilities. According to regulations, veterans who have non-service connected disabilities are treated only if there is no other hospitalization available, or if the veteran swears he cannot afford to pay his hospital bill. Although this is the regulation, it is honored far more in the breach than in the observance. No veteran applying for hospital care is turned away.

That the percentage of veterans who go to veterans' hospitals for care is so high and since June 7, 1942, more than 79 percent of admissions have been for non-service con-



# U. S. Writers Greet Brazilians

A group of American writers and publishers, headed by Mark Van Doren, sent greetings to the recent Brazilian Writers Congress, it was made known yesterday. The congress, first of its kind to be held in Brazil, met in Sao Paulo. It is part of the democratic upsurge now sweeping the country.

"We greet you for your courage, for the devotion with which you are giving of your intelligence and your lives to the struggle for democracy, liberty and justice for all men everywhere," the American writers' message declared.

## FOREIGN BRIEFS

### Greek Independence Day

GREECE'S freedom fighters of 1821 and today will be honored on Greek Independence Day this Sunday, 2:30 p. m. at the Henry Hudson Hotel, 363 W. 57 St. Sponsored by the Greek American Council, the rally will hear Rep. John M. Coffee on the fight for democracy in Greece. . . Dr. Michael Mandelstam, Council chairman, said that the spirit of 1821 lives today in the men and women of the EAM. . . Average calory rations in PARIS fell below one-third of the normal daily 3,000 as the Union of French Women led a demonstration to the Paris City Hall which was suppressed by police.

The Soviet radio proclaimed the right of Soviet citizens to judge as war criminals two of Franco's generals who led the Spanish Blue Division on the eastern front: Augustin Muno Grande and Esteban, Emilio Infantes. . . Luis Nogueras, Socialist mayor of the French town of PERPIGNAN on the Spanish border, protested in the Consultative Assembly against the return to Perpignan of a Spanish consul named by Gen. Franco. "An observation post at the service of Adolf Hitler has been installed on our frontier," he said. "I have ordered all city servants to make no contact with the Franco official but to maintain relations exclusively with the 'Republican consul', who doubtless will soon emerge from the underground."

Former Secretary of State Cordell HULL will be unable to attend the San Francisco conference because of poor health. Another prominent Democrat will undoubtedly be

named. . . The FRENCH delegation will be headed by Foreign Minister Georges Bidault and will include Vincent Auriol, Socialist president of the Consultative Assembly's Foreign Affairs Commission, Joseph Paul Boncour, ex-president of the League of Nations Council; Pierre Cot, former Minister of Aviation. . . Arab countries which have been invited to San Francisco—Egypt, Iraq and Saudi Arabia—are joining Lebanon, Syria and Trans-Jordan in protesting exclusion of the latter three from the conference. . . Two young Jewish nationalists were hanged for the murder last November of Lord Moyne, British Middle East Minister.

The ARGENTINE government may declare war on Japan, but not on Germany, in order to become a member of the United Nations and get to San Francisco. . . A spokesman at the Argentine Embassy in London denied rumors Argentina would cut off its supply of meat to Great Britain pending price adjustment. . . President Roosevelt's personal emissary, Edward J. FLYNN, arrived in Rome from the Soviet Union and will visit the Vatican. Despite Vatican denials, rumors persist the U. S. is pressing for Vatican-Soviet reconciliation. . .

### Greater OPA Fund Is Asked by FDR

President Roosevelt asked Congress yesterday to appropriate \$178,000,000 for the OPA for the fiscal year beginning July 1. That is \$15,000,000 more than it got last year. The President said the boost is necessary because of "growing inflationary pressures and a decrease in the supply of civilian goods."

## WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 25c per line (6 words to a line—3 lines minimum). DEADLINE: Daily at 12 Noon. For Sunday, Wednesday at 4 p.m.

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# Emigre Poles Weave Intrigue Here Against Coming Warsaw Government

Agents of the Polish government-in-exile are taking advantage of the delay in forming a new Government of National Unity at Warsaw, it became clear yesterday, and are seriously bidding to confuse and upset the trend of American opinion.

That's the meaning of the latest antics an outfit called the Coordinating Committee of American-Polish Associations, headed by a certain Joseph Kaszubowski, whose request for a hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations committee got considerable space in yesterday's Times.

This "coordinating committee" is a creature of the KNAPP, another committee manipulated by the well-

known pro-fascist emigre, Ignacy Matuszewski. And the leader of it, Kaszubowski, was himself a member of the Polish consulate in Buffalo until not so long ago.

Both these characters are spreading all sorts of unfounded tales of about "intolerable conditions" in Poland and persecutions of Polish citizens, all of which is intended to build up sentiment against the Yalta decision on Poland and the Government of National Unity which is yet to be formed.

The delay in the work of the three-power commission is also giving the emigre government further room for its own maneuvers. Day before yesterday, the president, Wladislaw Raczka, dissolved the

National Council, the so-called parliament in London, promising to form a new one shortly.

## DISINTEGRATION

Actually, more and more leaders in the Arcizewski cabinet are breaking away. Many right-wing Socialists like Jan Stanczyk and even Jan Kwapiński are hoping to play some role in the future government of Poland, along with the Peasant Party figure, Mikolajczyk.

However, the question arises whether people of this kind, who waited until after the Crimea conference to break with their own best pals of the past, can be put on the same plane with the Polish Provisional Government in Warsaw.

The Crimea decision, it will be recalled, said that the new government would be based on the existing provisional regime, with the inclusion of democratic leaders from Poland itself and abroad.

But this can hardly mean that men like Mikolajczyk and others shall be rewarded for having waited so long, and shall now get major posts which they turned down five months ago.

It would be a disappointment to Americans, and especially Polish-Americans if Poland were not represented at San Francisco just because a handful of emigres who missed the bus last autumn now insist on sitting in the driver's seat.

# British Churchmen Ask End Of Color Bar in Africa Colonies

British churchmen have joined with labor in a campaign to end the color bar and other forms of discrimination in Britain's African colonies, Dr. Max Yergan, executive director of the Council on African Affairs—here yesterday.

This week the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland criticized "arbitrary racial discrimination" against Africans in Rhodesia and Kenya. Dr. Yergan reported. The conference also in effect opposed Prime Minister Jan Smuts' aspiration of annexing to South Africa the Parliament-controlled territories of Bechuanaland, Basutoland and Swaziland and the mandate territory of Southwest Africa because of South Africa's discriminatory policy.

The executive committee of the British Council of Churches concurred in this stand, Dr. Yergan announced.

## Stephen T. Early Back in Capital

WASHINGTON, March 22 (UP).—Presidential Secretary Stephen T. Early returned today from a two-month assignment as public relations adviser to Supreme Allied Headquarters in Europe.

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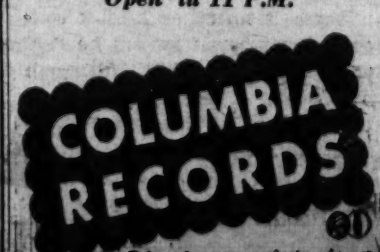
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The ads, conceived by Orin Folwick, state AFL public relations director, are running currently in 80 weekly and daily rural newspapers throughout the state and will also appear in the remainder of Minnesota's 400 farm papers.

"Better wages for workers mean better incomes for farmers" is the general theme of the two-column box ads, written in a punchy style. The state AFL is planning to start a second and third series. The second will publicize the union

label and the third will tell how the labor movement has benefitted people outside of organized labor, describing labor's fight for the Homestead Act of 1862, for free public schools, woman's suffrage and industrial safety.

The ads of the first series have been published in booklet form and copies sent to each member of the legislature.

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By Mike Singer

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"Anyway she comes around this week with a story about a Center where they got a gym and swimmin' pool and stuff. So nacherally I goes. So when we get there she tells me to have some fun and she disappears upstairs. So after a while I starts lookin' for her on account I wanna go home. I see a door and I hears a piano goin' on inside and I open the door. Bingo, a guy pushes me and says 'ssh.'

"Guess what it was? A big fat dame is on a stage yellin' her head off and people is sitting around lookin' like they was dead.

"I starts to scam and the same guy what pushed me in blocks the door. He's 'sshin' and pointin' to the stage. I tell him I gotta go but he keeps up with the 'ssh' business. "What a singer!—She was worse

than a foghorn. And me, I'm stuck there yet. Then she finishes off with a squeal like somebody was tearin' her head off and everybody claps. I'm makin' anudder beeline for the door and suddenly my aunt grabs me by the hand and pulls me down to a seat.

"I yells and she 'sshes' and a guy gets up to sing and I'm sweatin' already. The usher comes around 'sshin' and my aunt is also 'sshin' and soon the whole joint is 'sshin' and the singer ain't even started yet. Finally, my aunt lets go of me arm and the usher runs me outa the place.

"Boy, what a close call. I hoid one squawk from that singer and it was even worse than the dame. He sounded like he was stuck in a dentist's chair.

"My aunt was sore later but I told her nobody, not even my aunt, gotta right to make me suffer like that."

## NAM's 'Little Man' Is An Optical Monopolist

By BETTY GOLDSTEIN  
By Federated Press

Ira Mosher, the new president of the National Association of Manufacturers, is a small businessman, the NAM wants you to know. Owns Russell Harrington Cutlery Co. of Southbridge, Mass., which has 300 employees. Started out at the bottom as an accountant. Just a typical American little businessman, saving free enterprise for all the other little businessmen the NAM wants to help.

Shows how much the NAM has changed since the days when names like the DuPonts were out in front. And all the newspapers and news magazines dutifully hurried to advertise this revolutionary election of a small businessman to head the NAM. But when you look behind the homey front, Mosher turns out to be more than a small businessman.

He has been a powerful figure in one of the strongest domestic monopolies in the U. S., which has a cartel tie-up with the Nazis that helped build up Hitler's military machine and held back our own.

From October 1933 until July 1944, Mosher had another and more important job than heading the small cutlery company. He was also executive vice-president and general manager of the American Optical Co., with which he has been connected since 1922. American Optical employs 12,000 people and is the leading industry of Southbridge, which has a total population of 16,825. Mosher was also president of Consolidated Optical Co. Ltd., Toronto, Canada, and director of the British Optical Co. of London.

### INDICTED IN MONOPOLY

Early in the war the Justice Dept. indicted virtually the entire optical industry for a patent price-fixing conspiracy that deprived 20 million Americans of care for their eyes. The conspiracy centered around American Optical Co. and Bausch & Lomb Optical Co. of Rochester, N. Y. Mosher was one of the principal defendants named in the indictment.

Efforts to break up the monopoly were postponed for the duration but not until evidence revealed that the big optical firms forced glasses which could be sold at \$7.50 with profit to be sold throughout the industry at a fixed price of \$20, a price that 20 million Americans with bad eyesight could not afford.

The Army and Navy were for

adjustment of the suit because the trials would "seriously impede war effort" of the principal defendants.

Vital to modern mechanized warfare are the precision instruments made of a special high quality glass to permit finding the exact location of a target and accurate aiming. About the time of Pearl Harbor the government sent out an urgent plea for all private citizens to give their binoculars to the armed forces. There was a shortage of military optical instruments. Behind the shortage was the international optical cartel, headed by Carl Zeiss of Germany and Bausch & Lomb, American Optical's co-dictator in the domestic monopoly.

An investigation leading to an anti-trust indictment of Zeiss and Bausch & Lomb in March, 1940 revealed that the cartel as far back as 1921 helped Germany evade the Versailles treaty and start large-scale manufacturing of military equipment. Secret U. S. military information was given by the American firm to the German firm not only before but after Hitler came into power. Even after the shadow of war loomed in the U. S., Bausch & Lomb disobeyed government edicts of secrecy to help their cartel partners.

### SECRET AGREEMENTS

Because of their secret agreement with the German firm, they refused to sell military equipment to England and France and used threats of patents infringement to frighten competing firms from bidding on military equipment for the U. S. Army. As do all cartels, this one restricted production, controlled markets and fixed prices in a way that put private international business ahead of the nation's interests.

A key question for future peace will be the destruction of international cartels that can undermine the effectiveness of a world peace treaty through private business agreements which might help Germany build up another war machine. A key question for future prosperity here will be eliminating big monopoly's practices of high price-fixing and restricting production.

Though Mosher is advertised as a small businessman who has the American people's welfare at heart, actually he represents the kind of big business that endangers the peace. And under his guidance the NAM isn't likely to sprout wings.

## Tami Picked Over Oma

Drop in at the Garden tonight if you care to see the final chapter in the Mauriello-Oma opus. A bout which should be every bit as good as their others, and they were tops.

Handsome Lee made the grade last year when he went in as a last minute substitute against the popular Tami. Both boys were hog fat, but the battle they put on before Oma finally folded, was certainly the most hectic heavyweight setto of the season.

In the rematch, a superbly conditioned Oma dealt Obese Tami the worst beating of his fluctuating but colorful career. Tonight is the rubber match, and once again Mauriello is on that well worn spot marked X. A loss will undoubtedly drop him out of the Garden for some time to come.

If Tami is in shape, and he's worked like a trojan on this bout, he should lift Oma right out of his shoes with those old Mauriello blockbusters of two years ago. Mauriello has spent three weeks in Hot Springs to pare off a good deal of his waist-line suit. He's really hot for tonight's battle—and when young Mr. Mauriello is truly concerned about any one given opponent he's just about the best big guy in the business today.

It won't be quite the best conditioned Mauriello we'll see this evening—he'd have been better off with a warmup. But he'll have a real reason to fight tonight—a new born son—and that's important.

Look for him to win—not easily—but decisively.

### 11 A. M. to NOON

- 11:00-WEAF—Road of Life
- WOR—News; Talk; Music
- WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman
- WMCA—News; Music Box
- WABC—Amanda—Sketch
- WQXR—Alma Detlinger, News
- 11:15-WEAF—Rosemary—Sketch
- WABC—Second Husband
- 11:30-WEAF—Star Playhouse
- WOR—Take It Easy Time
- WJZ—News; Music
- WABC—Bright Horizon
- WQXR—Concert Music
- 11:45-WEAF—David Harum
- WOR—What's Your Idea?
- WABC—Aunt Jennie
- 11:55-WOR—Lanny and Ginger, Songs

### NOON TO 2 P. M.

- 12:00-WEAF—Don Goddard, News
- WOR—News; Music
- WJZ—Glamor Manor
- WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat
- 12:15-WEAF—Talk—Maggi McNeill
- WABC—Big Sister
- 12:30-WEAF—United States Marine Band
- WOR—News; The Answer Man
- WJZ—News; Woman's Exchange
- WABC—Helen Trent
- 12:45-WEAF—Our Gal Sunday
- 1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
- WOR—Jack Bunby's Album
- WJZ—H. R. Bankhouse
- WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful
- 1:15-WOR—Lopez Orchestra
- WJZ—Organ Music
- WABC—Ma Perkins
- 1:30-WABC—Bernardine Flynn
- WJZ—Galen Drake
- 1:45-WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News
- WOR—John J. Anthony Show
- WABC—The Goldbelts

### 2 P. M. TO 6 P. M.

- 2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light
- WOR—Cedric Foster, News
- WJZ—John B. Kennedy
- WABC—Joyce Jordan, M.D.
- 2:15-WEAF—Today's Children
- WOR—Talk—Jane Cowl
- WJZ—Ethel and Albert
- WABC—Two on a Clue
- 2:30-WEAF—Woman in White
- WOR—News; Never Too Old
- WJZ—Variety Musicale
- WABC—Perry Mason
- WQXR—Green Room Music
- 2:45-WEAF—Betty Crocker, Talk
- WJZ—Correspondents Abroad
- WABC—Tena and Tim
- 3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America
- WOR—Martha Deane Program
- WJZ—Ladies, Be Seated
- WABC—Mary Martin
- 3:15-WEAF—Ma Perkins
- WABC—The High Places
- WMCA—Talk—Ethel Colby
- 3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young
- WOR—Rambling With Gambling
- WJZ—Appointment With Life
- WABC—Off the Record
- 3:45-WEAF—Right to Happiness
- WABC—Landt Trio, Songs
- 4:00-WEAF—Backstage Wife—Sketch
- WOR—News; Jay Johnson, Songs
- WJZ—Westbrook Van Voorhis, News
- WABC—House Party
- 4:15-WEAF—Stella Dallas—Sketch
- WJZ—Tell Me, Doctor
- 4:25-WABC—News Reports
- 4:30-WEAF—Lorenzo Jones
- WOR—Food and Home Forum
- WJZ—Report From Overseas
- WABC—Feature Story
- 4:45-WEAF—Young Wilder Brown
- WJZ—Hop Harrigan
- WABC—Danny O'Neil, Songs
- 5:00-WEAF—When a Girl Marries
- WOR—Uncle Sam
- WJZ—Terry and the Pirates
- WMCA—News; Music
- WQXR—First in the Air
- 5:15-WEAF—Portia Faces Life
- WOR—Superman

## Olmo, In Outfield, Key Man on Dodgers

BEAR MOUNTAIN, March 22. — A key man in the Dodger machine this season will be Luis Olmo, the handsome Puerto Rican outfielder, who is looking forward to his best season in pro ball.

Olmo, who with Dixie Walker and Augie Galan, will probably make up the Dodger outfield, was a disappointment last year when he hit only .258. But Olmo's falling off at the plate is traced directly to his shifting around the Dodger lineup for most of the campaign. A natural outfielder who can run, field and throw with the best, Luis was forced into the infield a number of times when things got tough for the Dodgers. The sudden changes threw him off at the plate and he never quite regained his free-swinging style which was so full of promise when he first came up.

Even then, however, he succeeded in blasting in 85 runs across the plate, only six less than Dixie Walker whose .351 batting average led both leagues.

This season Durocher will know better. Leg plans to use Olmo strictly as an outfielder and the knowledge that he will not be shifted will probably send Olmo off winging. The tall Puerto Rican arrived in good shape and at the training camp here has lifted many an eyebrow with his long, soaring belts. If Olmo comes through—and there's no reason why he shouldn't—the Dodgers again will pack an outfield with a terrific punch—and this punch will be the key to their chances of finishing in the first division.

### Rucker Has Rival In Leon Treadway

Johnny Rucker, the Giant speedster, arrived in camp yesterday to discover that he's got a real full-fledged rival for his centerfield job in Leon Treadway, another speedster. Treadway was with Jersey City for most of last season but when Rucker fell into his mid-season batting slump Ott sent him in and he did right well. He hit .293 for the Little Giants and was a constant menace on the basepaths.

Like Rucker he is mostly a single-hitter, rarely ever getting an extra-base knock but his splendid fielding and his base-stealing make him a valuable asset. He's been working hard since camp was pitched at Lakewood.

### All Children Safe In P.S. 141 Fire

More than 300 kids fled safely from P.S. 141 yesterday after a two-alarm fire broke out on the top floor of the building at 462 W. 58 St., Manhattan. The kids got out of the 68-year-old structure in two minutes flat and were taken, hatless and coatless, through the rain to the Gould Foundation up the street.

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- WOR—710 Kc.
- WJZ—730 Kc.
- WNYC—830 Kc.
- WABC—880 Kc.
- WINS—1000 Kc.
- WEVD—1330 Kc.
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- WEN—1050 Kc.
- WOV—1230 Kc.
- WBNY—1480 Kc.
- WQXR—1550 Kc.

- WJZ—Dick Tracy
- WQXR—Fun With Music
- 5:30-WEAF—Just Plain Bill
- WOR—House of Mystery
- WJZ—Jack Armstrong
- WABC—Terry Allen, Songs
- WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs
- WQXR—Temple Emanuel—El Service
- 5:45-WEAF—Front-Page Farrell
- WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix
- WJZ—Captain Midnight
- WABC—Wilderness Road

### 6 P. M. TO 9 P. M.

- 6:00-WEAF—News Reports
- WOR—Sydney Moseley
- WJZ—Kernan's News Corner
- WABC—Quincy Howe, News
- 6:15-WEAF—Concert Music
- WOR—Dorsey Orchestra
- WJZ—Little Blue Schoolhouse
- WABC—Lyn Murray Orchestra
- 6:30-WOR—Fred Van deventer, News
- WJZ—News; Whose Wart—Talk
- WABC—Bally Moore, Songs
- WMCA—New Yorkers at War
- 6:40-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
- 6:45-WEAF—Lowell Thomas
- WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
- WJZ—Peggy Mann, Songs
- WABC—The World Today—News
- WMCA—Recorded Music
- 6:55-WABC—Joseph P. Harsch, News
- 7:00-WEAF—Supper Club—Variety
- WJZ—Correspondents Abroad
- WABC—Jack Kirkwood Show
- WQXR—Lisa, Sergio
- 7:15-WEAF—John W. Vandercook, News
- WOR—The Answer Man
- WJZ—Raymond Gram Swing
- WABC—Dorsey Orchestra
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— Comment by Samuel Sillen —

## Image of Romain Rolland Is Challenge to Intellectuals

Upon the news of Romain Rolland's death at the end of last year, the New York Times commented editorially that the distinguished French author "accepted many of the objectives of the Communists without ceasing to deplore their callousness toward human life."

Regarding this alleged "callousness toward human life" one may repeat the words of Maj. Gen. Clayton Bissell, Army Intelligence chief, in answer to the Chicago Tribune's charge that certain "Communists" in the Army believe in "force and violence."

"These officers," said General Bissell, "have shown by their deeds that they are upholding the United States by force and violence."

In the same way, the Communists have demonstrated their "callousness toward human life" by killing the most Germans and Japanese. They have demonstrated this in the Soviet Union, in Yugoslavia, and in China. Wherever the fascist enemy of human life was to be fought, in France, in Italy, in Greece, Communists have magnificently displayed their "callousness."

The truth is that Romain Rolland, whom the Times described as deploring the Communist attitude toward life, warmly and fraternally embraced the Communists for the very reason that they represented to his clear eyes the most consistent and devoted fighters for a truly human world and a truly great France.

Indeed, a few weeks before his death, Rolland addressed his "affectionate greeting" to Maurice Thorez, French Communist leader, upon his return to Paris. "Your voice," he

wrote, "was missed in Paris. So long as Paris did not hear it, Paris did not feel itself completely free."

This was the greatness of Rolland as an artist and thinker. He despised the anti-Communist bigotries which, as he understood, had become the most potent weapon for wanton destructiveness in the modern world. And he was not afraid of the editorial writers who spread such bigotries. He scorned the red-baiters and clasped the hands of the Communists, whom he recognized as indispensable allies in the struggle for a unified France and a livable world.

The image of Rolland is a challenge to American intellectuals. It is a challenge to those anti-fascist writers and artists and educators in this country who, however generous their intentions, have failed to emancipate themselves from fascist-minded propaganda and fascist-minded threats. It is a challenge to those who dwell in a region of shadows, who remain silent or evasive in the face of the anti-Communist crusade.

### UNHEALTHY DIVORCE

Too many American intellectuals know better than they act. They know that the Communists are valuable and necessary friends in the fight for victory, prosperity, and

world peace. But all too frequently they act as if this were not so; they timidly avoid open association with the Communists in the common national effort.

This divorce between belief and behavior is unhealthy. It not only threatens the integrity of the individual, but imprisons and distorts his creative energy. It contributes to the atmosphere of suspicion and fear which reaction strives to breed and in which it alone can thrive.

There are momentous signs that in this country too the intellectuals are moving forward into the new world with the boldness and consistent purpose that the time requires. The most heartening sign recently was the action of distinguished writers, ministers, lawyers, and others in support of the U. S. Army's revised position on Communists.

This action serves to underscore the fact that the time has come for some honest soul-searching and forthright action on the part of those whose first obligation is to the truth. The honest intellectual must at last meet head-on the anti-Communist bogies and incitements of our nation's enemies. This is not a time for postponement. This is not a time for rationalizing. This is a time for unwavering action in the spirit of Romain Rolland, whose memory will be honored at the Carnegie Hall meeting next week under the auspices of New Masses.



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ARTIST IN IOWA, A LIFE OF GRANT WOOD, by Darrell Garwood. (Norton, \$3.50).

By PHILIP STANDER

Grant Wood is one American prophet who lived to see himself honored in his own land. This arose in no small measure from the fact that his whole career as a painter, lithographer, arts project director, and teacher was concerned with getting art to the people. "Art," he said, "can be a significant form of expression, understandable to virtually everyone, and still not violate basic esthetic principles. Art need not be the exclusive property of the intelligentsia."

All of us are familiar with reproductions of American Gothic, that trenchant comment on mid-western life, and of Daughters of Revolution, the unforgettable satire on the DAR and all the arid pretentiousness it represents. Many others of his minutely careful treatments of Iowa farm themes and themes from our national past are almost equally well known. Taken as a whole his work has secured for him a deserved reputation as one of the most American of Americans. He was, speaking broadly, on the side of the overalls he loved to wear and to paint, and against the stuffed shirts he ignored or poked fun at.

### GOOD READING

In this book we get, in comfortable prose, the story of how a man obtained fame far from the conventional artistic centers while living among the rank and file farmers and townspeople he grew up among and portrayed. No cheap story this, of a poor boy fighting his way through adversity to success, although some of the Horatio Alger elements are there to tempt the philistine moralist. Instead Garwood offers a portrait of a talented creator who realized himself among the people—and not apart from them.

Some of the same glossy detail, humor and youthful spirit so dear to Wood make this book about him good reading. It notes the psychological quirks of the slow, boy-

face man who remained a bachelor most of his fifty-one years, but it does not excuriate over them. This inner terrain has been left for others to explore, as has been the more important task of presenting a full critical evaluation of Wood's work. Books dealing with these and other problems posed by the life and work of Wood may appear, but it will be a long time before this important figure will be done again in words in the same human spirit in which he did portraits of his neighbors in oil.

### Lauritz Melchior Sings 'Siegfried' Title Role

Lauritz Melchior, the Metropolitan Opera tenor, will sing the title role in Siegfried Saturday evening, March 24. This is the third opera in the second Ring Cycle of the current opera season.

### Menasha Skulnik At Loew's State

Menasha Skulnik will appear at the Loew's State Theater, where he will headline the new vaudeville bill for one week starting today (Friday). This will mark his return to the American-speaking stage on Broadway, after a successful legitimate season on the East Side.

### Concert at Carnegie

Carnegie Hall, on Sunday evening, April 8 will be the scene of the second W. Colston Leigh Introduction to Fame concert.

Carol Brice, the young Negro contralto who made her debut at Town Hall on March 13 will share the stage with Gordon Dilworth, youthful baritone, who is making his New York concert debut that evening.

### Readers Scope \$5,000 Award

Arthur Bernhard, publisher and Leverett S. Gleason, editor of Readers Scope magazine have announced plans to present the Readers Scope annual award to the American who has made the year's most outstanding contribution to the fight against native fascists and the threat of fascism to America.

The Readers Scope award is a bronze plaque and \$5,000 in cash.

### Chekhov in Russian

Chekhov's play The Anniversary was presented in Russian this week by students of the University of Rochester.

The performance was believed to be the first of its kind in an American college. The University of Rochester instituted Russian-language courses two years ago.

### THE STAGE

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# City CIO Welcomes Delegates Of ACW as Its Newest Members

# Daily Worker

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President Joseph Curran is shown swearing in some 60 representatives of 21 Amalgamated Clothing Workers locals and joint boards as delegates to the Greater New York CIO Council Wednesday night in Carnegie Hall's music room. Left, manager Murray Weinstein of Cutters, Local 4, reading the names of each of the delegates. This is the first time that New York's ACW locals have affiliated with a central body.

## Late Bulletins

### Vote on Williams' Confirmation Expected in Senate Today

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The decision on Aubrey Williams may be made in the Senate tomorrow.

The fight for the confirmation of President Roosevelt's nominee for the post of Rural Electrification Administrator has been on the Senate floor since Monday noon.

It has been a good fight, with Williams' supporters branding the bigotry of his foes. And win or lose they have made the issue plain for the voters to remember in 1946.

Only a handful of reactionaries took the floor in opposition. Sen. Kenneth McKellar, 76 year old Tennessee Democrat, who came back to the floor after collapsing last week; Theodore Bilbo (D-Miss), Alexander Wiley (R-Wis) and a couple others who said much less carried the ball for the opposition.

#### SORRY SHOWING

They made a sorry showing. McKellar and Bilbo were castigated again and again by many speakers for their venomous references to the "Divinity of Christ" issue and Bilbo's sneering reference to the Jews' lack of belief in the same doctrine netted a bitter counter-attack on "intolerance" by Senator Scott W. Lucas (D-Ill).

Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt) won distinction in this debate as a liberal untrammelled by reactionary GOP influences.

When Williams' supporters were talking to empty seats Aiken was always one of the three or four senators present. And he arose several times to stress Williams' efficient record as a National Youth Administrator and to denounce the "filmsiness" of the anti-Williams case.

The cry of "Communism," he said has been raised against good Vermont citizens too, because they happen to be members of the CIO or because some Communist happened to be in a crowd they were addressing.

Joseph F. Guffey (D-Pa), Claude Pepper (D-Fla), Glen H. Taylor (D-Idaho), Robert M. LaFollette (Prog-Wis) and Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont) spoke for Williams today.

Wheeler, however, added a crack against President Roosevelt, asserting that the President, not Williams, was responsible for whatever faults there might be in the policies of organizations directed by Williams.

Yesterday, Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La) had the floor for several hours in Williams' behalf.

### Man Stabbed While Phoning

While answering a telephone call in the hallway of his apartment building, Samuel Zuckerman, 2345 Broadway, was stabbed to death by an eight-inch carving knife which unknown assailants plunged into his back. A few minutes after the operator heard him groan over the wire, two young men were seen hurrying through the downstairs lobby.

Zuckerman, who had a police record for larceny, was also known to police as Harry Rower and Harry Smith.

### Baker Local Hits AFL Aloofness

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22 (FP)—A protest at absence of AFL representatives from the World Trade Union Conference was directed to the AFL executive council by Local 44, AFL Bakery & Confectionary Workers. The unanimously-adopted resolution pointed out that the conference "enhanced labor's participation in shaping of the future world" and assured labor "its voice in assisting the United Nations in winning a durable peace."

## The Veteran Commander

### THE 2-15 TRUMPS

IT SEEMS that the Second British and the 15th American Armies are the two trump cards General Eisenhower will play during the coming pincer-blow at the Ruhr. These two armies have not been engaged in battle of late, as far as we know. The British are probably somewhere in the Wesel sector of the Rhine, north of the Ruhr. The 15th American Army is reported by the enemy to be in the Remagen bridgehead. In any case it is probably somewhere south of the Ruhr, between Dusseldorf and Coblenz.

The recent action of Allied air forces in north-western German, i. e., right in front of Field Marshal Montgomery's battle sector, is indicative of a coming offensive. The blows are being directed at rail targets and German airdromes, and this usually means that a large scale attack is in the making.

Our troops in the Remagen bridgehead (only the First Army is identified in this sector officially) have widened their fighting space to 23 miles and deepened it to eight miles. On their northern flank they have crossed the Sieg River, which is the last natural obstacle between them and the southern fringe of the Ruhr region (the Agger flowing into the Rhine at Bonn is a very small obstacle). Their immediate objective is the bastion of Siegburg, strong point of the southern bolt position protecting the Ruhr. On their northern flank our bridgehead troops are advancing toward the Wied River and the town of Neuwied, northwest of Coblenz (NOTE: In yesterday's column the sentence "(our troops will soon reach the right bank suburbs of Cologne" should have read "... the right bank suburbs of Coblenz)."

The clean-up of the Palatinate is drawing to a close. The resistance of the enemy can be

gauged by the fact that the fortress of Kaiserlautern was captured by 23 American soldiers headed by a sergeant. Complete demoralization appears to have set in in this sector among enemy troops. Third Army troops have entered Ludwigshafen and are racing toward Speyer, while the French are advancing on the Karlsruhe crossings for the Rhine. The Seventh is snapping shut successive pockets in the Saar region and is moving on Pirmasens and Landau.

However, in the face of these lightning successes won against light opposition, we should not go to the extreme of thinking that things will be just as easy on the Rhine and even east of it. Remember that the troops in the Remagen bridgehead are having an incomparably tougher time than those who are racing across Palatinate and Rhenish Hesse.

WHILE there is nothing spectacular to report from the Eastern Front, it must be noted that obviously unreported large scale battles must be going on because the toll of German tanks destroyed in one day is 176, with 69 enemy planes destroyed.

IT IS reported that Japanese resistance on Panay (Philippines) has ended, mainly due to the work of Philippine guerillas. Now the situation in the Philippines is this: the Japanese still hold four areas—northern Luzon, southwestern Luzon, Negros and Cebu and the greater part of Mindanao. This means that their grouping is hopelessly split and will never become coherent again.

It has been disclosed that 1,000 carrier-based planes delivered the blow at the Japanese Home Fleet in the Inland Sea of Japan three days ago.

## Mayor Defends Curfew Order In Nationwide Broadcast

Mayor F. H. LaGuardia took to the air last night to defend his 1 a. m. curfew after public clamor demanded an explanation of his one hour of "tolerance."

Speaking over WJZ, he repeated an earlier statement made last Sunday that New York City is different, that an extra hour would relieve an unusual transportation jam, permit an orderly closing of business and

reduce police problems.

He refuted any aspersions on the city's patriotism, stating that his full intention in ordering the extra hour was to make "Byrnes' request work-

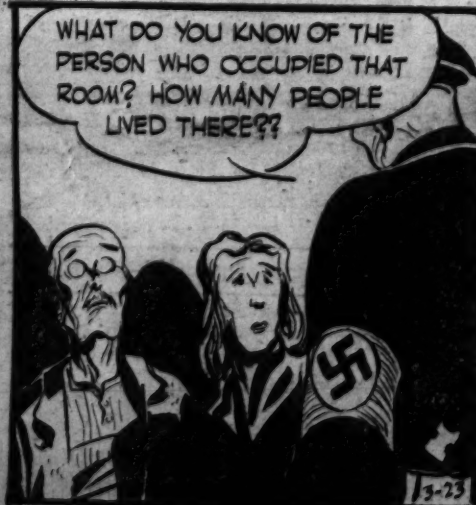
### Reach Baguio on Luzon Island

MANILA, Friday, March 23 (UP).—Thirty-third Division Infantrymen have driven to the Naguillian River only 12 miles northwest of Baguio, summer capital of the Philippines and one of the last remaining Japanese strongholds on Luzon, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

able, enforceable and sensible."

"We claim no special praise for doing our duty to our country," LaGuardia said, citing the city's patriotic role in the war effort, "but I resent, on behalf of my city, any charge based upon misinformation that New York City is not doing its share. I have the highest regard and warmest affection for Judge Byrnes. I am simply being realistic."

PINKY RANKIN



WHAT'S WRONG?